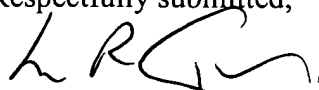


**REMARKS**

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. Claims 11-18 are pending in the application.

5 Prompt and favorable consideration of the foregoing are respectfully requested.

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